GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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RUNNING CHANNELS OF DOORDARSHAN IN STATES
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of channels of Doordarshan being run in the public and private sectors in the country, State-wise, district-wise;

(b) whether district-wise sanction has been accorded in this regard;

(c) whether some channels are being run illegally in some districts;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any rules have been framed for operating a channel privately; and

(f) if so, the details in regard to the registration of a channel?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): Doordarshan is operating 22 channels which include 5 National channels, 11 Regional Language channels, 5 State Networks & 1 International Channel. These Satellite Channels are available all over the country.

(c): No Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e) & (f): All TV Channels, irrespective of their ownership, equity structure ormanagement control, can uplink from India provided they undertake to comply with the Broadcast (Programme & Advertising) Codes laid down by the Ministry of I&B. There isno provision for registration of channels.